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Rudramahalaya Monument in Gujarat
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is an ancient monument named Rudramahalaya at Dishpur, Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the year 1980 the development of the said site was stopped due to litigation and at present there is no litigation pending;

(c) whether the Government intends to start fresh development of said site; and

(d) whether Government also intends to develop it for tourism or has any other plan for development of said ancient site?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes M adam, Ruins of Rudramahalya Temple is Centrally protected monument under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India, and is located at Siddhpur in Gujarat.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c)&(d) The conservation, preservation and maintenance of monuments/sites, declared as of national importance is taken up by Archaeological Survey of India by way of structural repairs, chemical preservation and environmental development around the monument which is a regular and ongoing process and the required works are taken-up on need basis as per archaeological norms. The expenditure incurred on regular maintenance and conservation of Ruins of Rudra Mahalaya Temple at Sidhpur, District Mehsana (Gujarat) during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	Amount (in Rupees)
2013-14	16,29,161
2014-15	3,15,823
2015-16	45,418
2016-17 (upto Oct.2016)	11,242

However, there is no plan for its development by the Archaeological Survey of India.